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AGENCY COMMENTS ON TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NO. 4, HUMAN HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT CHEMICALS OF CONCERN IDENTIFICATION FOR OPERABLE UNIT 3 AND LETTER REPORT, COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATIVE SCREEN TO DEFINE AREAS OF CONCERN AT OPERABLE UNIT 3 - MSB-046-94

Action: Agency comments on above referenced reports.

The above referenced reports were delivered to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDHPE) for their review on September 21, 1994. Agency comments on these documents, due on October 11, 1994, have not been received. As you know, we have developed and implemented an accelerated internal working schedule that is designed to deliver the Draft RCRA [Resource Conservation and Recovery Act] Facilities Investigation/Remedial Investigation report two months ahead of schedule. I am concerned that failure of the agencies to submit comments on these reports in a timely manner may impact our ability to satisfy the accelerated schedule requirements.

These documents are cornerstones for the development of the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA). If we proceed too far in the development of the HHRA without agency comments, we run the risk of having to rework significant portions of the RI report.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of my concern, and to inform you that all efforts are being made to minimize potential impacts to the internal working schedule. The agency approved compliance schedule is not at risk at this time.

Please call me at extension 8519 if you have any questions.

Mark S. Buddy Operable Unit 3

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